



Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
Joseph P. Gill, Secretary
Frank W. Dawson III, Deputy Secretary

December 20, 2013

Dear Current Shellfish Leaseholder,

In November, the Department mailed you a packet of information regarding requirements necessary for your lease to be in full compliance in 2014. One of those requirements is for leaseholders to renew Shellfish Aquaculture Harvester Permits (SAHP) and/or Registration Cards for those individuals who plan to engage in aquaculture activities on the leased area.

The Department had intended to issue 2014 Shellfish Aquaculture Harvester Permits and Registration Cards to those planning to harvest in early 2014 prior to the December 31st expiration date. However, processing of these documents has been delayed. **Therefore, the Department is extending the expiration date of the 2013 Shellfish Aquaculture Harvester Permits (SAHP) and/or Registration Cards through January 31, 2014.**

The Natural Resources Police have been made aware of this extension and will honor 2013 Shellfish Aquaculture Harvester Permits (SAHP) and/or Registration Cards through January 31, 2014.

If you have any questions about these requirements please contact Katie Busch at (410) 260-8342 or kbusch@dnr.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

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